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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

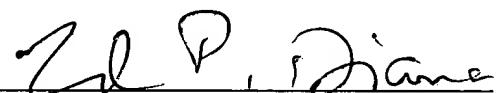
For the concise explanation of relevance for Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 9-325924, the Examiner is referred to the discussion at page 1, lines 18 – 25, and starting at page 2, line 24, and ending at page 3, line 6 of the specification, to the corresponding English-language abstract, and to the counterpart English-language European Patent No. 812100A2.

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16 – 24 of the specification and to the corresponding English-language abstract.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the
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